

## NEWS FROM ALL OVER IMPERIAL MISSOURI

Interesting Happenings Which Have Taken Place in the Greatest State in the Union.  
The Product of the Scissors, the Pen and a Little Actual Labor

Fillmore will celebrate July 4 this year—the first time in ten years.

Wilcox people are making arrangements to celebrate July 4.

An Odessa lady, 55 years old, is cutting her second of teeth.

The Westboro chautauqua meets July 24, closing July 29 six days.

A Blythedale man has two cats which he claims are eighteen years old.

Stanberry will soon begin the laying of six miles of sewers.

"How long should a girl of 18 wear her skirts?" asks the Philadelphia Ledger. "All day," answers the Stanberry Owl-Headlight.

A correspondent of the Chula News wants to know if thunder can be considered a weather report.

The Richmond city council has purchased a street sweeper at a cost of \$550 and propose to keep the dust out of the eyes of the populace.

A Moberly plaintiff has paid money to learn an old one. He brought suit to collect on a check given for money lost in a poker game.

"O, woman, woman! Without thee men would be brutes," and then listen at this from the Mexico Ledger. "Seven persons, most of them women, were arrested for bootlegging."

Edgar White in the Macon Chronicle Herald recalls that once upon a time a preacher was sent to jail in Macon county and converted all the other inmates.

The Trenton Elks are planning a big four day celebration, July 4, 5, 6 and 7. They call it the "Elks Home Coming, Fourth of July Celebration and Race Meet."

An inmate of the school for the deaf at Fulton is to marry a Nebraska cattle man who is also deaf. This is apt to be a happy family as neither can hear the other when scolding.

The canning plant at Oak Grove breaks a record this season with ninety acres of tomatoes under contract. The price agreed on for the fruit is \$9 a ton.

F. M., W. B. and J. S. Townsend were down to Savannah Saturday the 17 and helped celebrate their father's

59 birthday. While he is rather feeble, yet he is quite lively for one of his age.—Whitesville Missourian.

The last daylight patrolman having been shifted to night duty, St. Charles is now policed during the day by only one man, the city marshal.

So far, the oldest carved turtle reported in the Missouri spring drive is the one found recently in Callaway county. The turtle was officially dated "1860."

Excelsior Springs thinks more of that grand old Missourian Alex M. Dockery, than ever since he ordered five gallons of mineral water from one of the springs in that place recently.

When Mrs. Martha Moberly, of Pickering, celebrated her 77th birthday by a big dinner, there sat around her hospitable table seven children, 25 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Tuesday morning while picking gooseberries, John Jones encountered two copperhead snakes and a rattler, which he was successful in killing.

"I taka da train," exclaimed a swarthy peddler at Marshall the other day when upon applying for city license was told that it would cost him \$5 a day to vend his wares there.

A hunter of Boone county killed a black squirrel recently while on a hunt in the woods of a farm there. The lower half of the body of the little animal was jet black as was also the head.

When patrolman "Duke" Duncan, of Kansas City, interfered with two sisters, over the merits of their husbands, the amazons turned on the officer, tore his club from his hand, his star from his coat, rolled him in the street and blackened his eye.

The combined ages of five persons who sat at dinner in a hospitable Davess country home recently was 372 years. Three of the persons were brothers.

It is claimed that Hermann, county seat of Gasconade county, is the only fourth class city in the state whose city council keeps its minutes in both the German and English language.

Five dollars and twenty-five cents was the consideration when one of the best business lots in Maryville changed hands, but the deal was made

seventy years ago and was the first lot sold after the town was platted.

An organization of farmers of the Ozarks has contracted with a Fort Wayne, Indiana, pickling company, to raise this year a total of forty thousand bushels of cucumbers. They are already planting the seed for the crop.

Nails and tacks are being scattered in the streets of Warrensburg. One unfortunate motorist collected twenty-nine punctures and two blowouts in one week, while another had nine punctures in a single day.

Dudley Smotherman, a ten-year-old boy living near Senath made \$101 from an acre of corn last year in premiums and sale of corn. He made 90 bushels and 40 pounds of corn, was awarded a gold watch and sold eighteen bushels of seed for \$2 a bushel.

In DeKalb county, Elias Hinderks was just burning the dirt with his tin Lizzie, when his four year old son by his side, begged him not to go so fast. Obligingly the father shut off the gas, and just as the machine was nearly stopped the front wheel came off. The boy was nearly thrown out but the father caught him.

A Charlton county woman has learned how to kill chiggers on chickens. She figured it all out and then put some powder on the chickens and put them under an iron tub. The only drawback to the plan is that it kills the chickens, as she learned when the entire thirty chicks so treated were found dead.

Admitting that it is not unusual for two sisters to be married at the same time, the Lawrence Chieftain thinks it has a real news item in the incident of three Mount Vernon sisters being wed with one ceremony. The brides were Misses Lena, Lillie and Lora Maynard.

When a Harrisville cash register refused to work properly, it was shipped back to Kansas City, and being taken apart, revealed that two small checks, one dated February, 1913, and the other March, 1914, had slipped out of the cash drawer and became mixed up with the mechanism.

Guy Hutchens, a former Nevada saloon keeper, who moved to Kansas City when the former town went dry, finds it necessary to write a letter to the Chillicothe Constitution, denying the previously published report that he had "hit the trail" in the Billy Sunday meeting.

A Stewartsville man got special attention from Billy Sunday recently in the meetings in Kansas City, according to the DeKalb County Herald. The Stewartsville man coughed out loud and Billy looked over at him and told him to cough with his mouth shut.

A Mercer county man tried one day last week to pry his automobile out of a mudhole while his son started the car. The rail which he used was caught in the wheel and struck him across the face and cheeks with such force that he remained unconscious for an entire day and he is still feeling the effects of the blow.

A. J. Hitt has invented a new road drag, or rather, a road scraper, the object of the invention being to cut off the knobs and bumps in the middle and sides of the road. The drag consists of two big iron blades backed by two heavy pieces of the road. These two blades are diagonally opposed to each other in the form of a capital V. Richard Barnard tried out the invention on the roads last Monday morning, and the trial proved a complete success.—Maysville Pilot.

Once the owner of a string of forty race horses, Andy Smith, poor and almost friendless, died the other day in the Linn county poorhouse. It was his request that his body be buried in an Indian mound on the Wood farm near Laclede, and it was complied with. Other instructions for his burial also obeyed were that the grave be leveled with the surrounding earth and that not even a wooden marker be placed at its head.

A Pattonsburg boy was hunting muskrats near his home and when he discovered a hole about eight or ten feet above the water line of a stream he began to dig. To his surprise he found a nest of catfish. There were 17 in all and measured, supposedly by long measure, from 8 to 10 inches in length. The young man insists that the tracks leading to the hole were muskrat tracks and not a lit like fish tracks.

The gavel with which the Democratic convention was rapped to order in St. Louis last week, was made of black walnut and the wood was taken from a building which formed old Fort Peaty, at Rolla. This fort was erected

in 1861, and was only torn down a few months ago. The walnut was raised in Phelps county. It is easy to compute the length of time this gavel has had in which to become seasoned, as everyone knows that 1861 was 55 years ago.

Without laying claim to special prowess with a rifle, a Bates county hunter has gained some distinction as a marksman by killing a rabbit and calf at one shot. One day recently, according to the Butler Times, the hunter went out to drive some cattle from a field of growing grain and took along a rifle, hoping to see a rabbit. He got his hope and saw a rabbit. When he picked up the rabbit he saw that he also had killed a valuable calf in a patch of weeds just beyond the rabbit.

Joe McIntosh lost the cap off the radiator of his Ford car. He thought some one had either stolen it or played a joke on him and he was a little out of humor about it. Monday he brought his mules to Arthur Prime to have their hoofs trimmed. Among the dirt on one of the mule's feet the lost piece was found. The mule looked around and smiled and Joe said, "Well, I'll be gosh!" Moral: Keep all animals away from Ford cars when the machines are resting—Fairfax Forum.

Judge Geo. P. Adams, of the probate court, officiated yesterday at the marriage of J. L. Lebow and Mrs. Elmira Smith, both of King City. The ceremony was performed at the Merchants hotel. The groom gave his age as twenty, while the bride used the usual woman's privilege and did not reveal her age. They have both been residents of that vicinity for many years, and are well known and highly respected people. The elderly groom's son is married to the bride's daughter, and the wedding somewhat confuses the relationship. Besides being father to his own son, he is the sons father-in-law, and is also step-father to his daughter-in-law. And the bride is not only mother to her daughter, but is her mother-in-law, and the step-mother of her son-in-law.—Ravenwood Gazette.

**Return to Medieval Times.**  
Soldiers of Europe are taking up the methods of offense and defense used in the wars of medieval times. The hand grenades, catapults, river of flaming oil, mines and barricades are only a few of the old-time means revived.

Now armor is being used by the soldiers in protecting themselves from shrapnel and shell fire. These fighters often must show themselves in exposed positions when scaling the mountains in making detours to avoid fortified roads. The soldier not only wears a heavy helmet with a steel breastplate, but he also is well protected from the weather by a heavy knitted scarf which almost entirely covers his head.

**Prison Frankness.**  
It was the dinner hour, and the prison inspectors were hurrying over the official round. They asked several questions quickly.  
"I am here, gentlemen," explained the pickpocket, when the warden turned his back, "as the result of a moment of abstraction."  
"And I," observed the incendiary, "because of an unfortunate habit of making light of things."  
"The reason I am here," chimed in the forger, "is simply on account of a natural desire to make a name for myself."  
"And I," added the burglar, "through nothing but taking advantage of an opening which was offered in a large mercantile establishment."

**First English Music Printing.**  
In England the first known attempt at music printing was in 1495 by Wynken de Worde, at Westminster. A book in the British museum proves that the first music was printed in England in 1530. The typography is identical with that of Petrarch.

There was little or no improvement in the principle of setting up movable music type for some time. Nothing could be more excellent than the book printed by Worde alluded to above, but that was the result of double printing, and both ancient and modern printers who have tried the method have found its disadvantages so great that they have abandoned the process.

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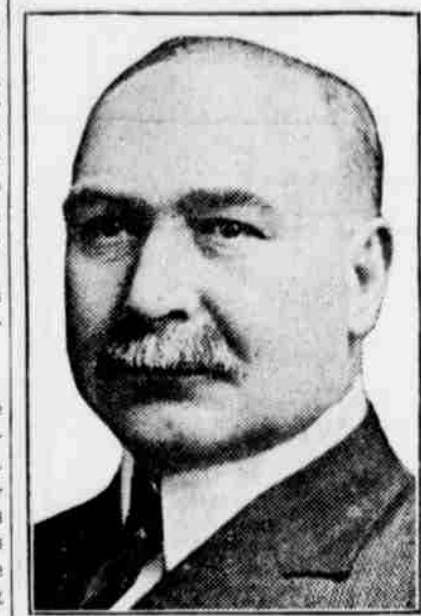
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Kansas City Houchin Club Motored to St. Louis for Convention and Stirred Enthusiasm.



JAMES A. HOUCHIN.

The St. Louis Republic on Monday after the Democratic National Convention adjourned in St. Louis, carried the following news story:

After a busy week in St. Louis James A. Houchin, the Jefferson City manufacturer who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, will depart for a speaking tour of Osage and Maries counties. During the convention the Houchin headquarters on the parlor floor of the Planters Hotel were thronged with his friends and supporters.

One of the features of the week for the Houchin candidacy was a tour across the state from Kansas City to St. Louis by the Kansas City "Houchin-for-Governor Club." The party numbered 100 and filled 25 automobiles.

Banners on the machines advertised the Houchin propaganda for better roads.

There was no lack of activity by these and the other Houchin advocates. They were everywhere during the convention. At the Press Club Frolic, at the Coliseum and at all prominent points in the city there was evidence of the Houchin candidacy.

Supporters of Houchin assert he is the only one of the seven candidates for the nomination for governor on whom there is not an organized fight and that he could carry the state by a safe majority.

The supporters of Mr. Houchin say he has no fight to make on anyone, that he is conducting a clean campaign on his own merits and that he has a feasible, practical plan by which Missouri can build a system of modern highways without additional taxation, which he is explaining to the people. This, with the conservation of the state's financial resources through an administration along business lines constitute the chief features of his platform.

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